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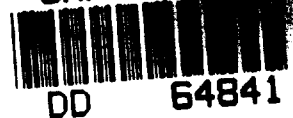
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Planning for future test operations at the Nevada Proving Grounds and Pacific Proving Grounds has been the subject of many discussions and considerable correspondence involving your office, the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, and this office. The purpose of this memorandum is to bring you up to date of planning, as it is known to this office; answer some questions originating in your office, and confirm some oral answers which have been given to you.

The various items of correspondence concerned with future planning at the two proving grounds are itemized as follows:

1. Letter, Kraker to Bradbury, dated 4/25/52;
2. Letter, Bradbury to Tyler, dated 5/8/52;
3. Letter, Kraker to Bradbury, dated 5/14/52;
4. Memo, Kraker to Fields, dated 5/15/52, subject: "FUTURE TESTS AT PACIFIC PROVING GROUNDS";
5. Teletype S-46, Fields to Tyler, dated 5/8/52;
6. Letter, Tyler to Bradbury, dated 5/13/52;
7. Letter, Fromen to Tyler, dated 5/17/52;
8. Letter, Fromen to Tyler, dated 5/24/52;
9. Letter, Tyler to Bradbury, dated 6/11/52;
10. Letter, Bradbury to Tyler, dated 6/4/52.

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Copies of Items 1, 2, and 3 were furnished you as enclosures to Item 4. A copy of Item 6 was forwarded to your office in original distribution. Copies of Items 7, 8, 9, and 10 are enclosed herewith.

Dr. Froman's letter of May 17 provides answers to questions raised in your teletype of May 8. It will be noted that present status of planning does not permit specific answers to most of the questions.

Dr. Bradbury's letter of June 4 relates to his previous letter of May 8 regarding overseas tests. The former letter indicated that drop tests would probably not be utilized. The June 4 letter reveals drop tests are now receiving greater consideration and the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory now recommends that the Task Force maintain capability for delivery of test units if required. It is suggested that the possible requirement for delivery aircraft and related support be passed along to the Task Force.

The possibility of reactivation of Bikini for part of Operation Castle relates to comments of that nature emanating from the Task Force and your informal comments to Milton Fax at Las Vegas. The Field Manager, Eniwetok Field Office, has scheduled a reconnaissance survey of Bikini in the near future to evaluate existing conditions at that atoll. The possibility of using other remote atolls in lieu of Bikini and the problem of returning displaced people to Bikini are subjects in which this office is interested, but has little information. It is requested that this office be informed of the status of discussions on these matters. Off hand, it is our opinion that test operations would become additionally complex and more costly if several atolls are used, although we recognize conditions which might make this necessary. We would like to participate in any discussions where a decision to utilize Bikini or other atolls might be made.

Enclosures:

1. Cy 4A/9 ltr dtd 5/17
2. Cy 1B/1 ltr dtd 5/24
3. Cy 3A/8 ltr dtd 6/11
4. Cy 1B/1 ltr dtd 6/4

CC: Dr. Bradbury, LAL

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